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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern,
I would like to complain about the antitrust settlement for Microsoft.
With regard to releasing APIs and information I believe this should be
reconsidered. Without access to Microsoft documentation it is a means of
restricting third party software makers from writing code that functions
with grace and efficency within the platform. Microsoft would then have a
means of writing programs that can be integrated into the OS that other
business could never acheive. While security is important is it not
something that comes by not releasing information but rather by writing
better code that includes precautions toward security. I also believe
finiancial penalties should be applied along with restructering of the
company. Consumers are put in a position where the OS does not allow them
simple means of gaining the software they would like. While OEMs should
have the option of placing software on their machine it should be up to
the OEM to include things like Windows Media Player and Internet
Explorer. The OEM should also have the ability to decide how much these
products are integrated into the OS, giving OEMs the ability to have the
operating system cusomized for their customers if they so desire. While I
realize it might be too late to mention some of these points I simply
wanted to voice my opinion and disagreement with the settlement. Thank
you for giving me that opportunity.

Sincerely,
Eric Larson